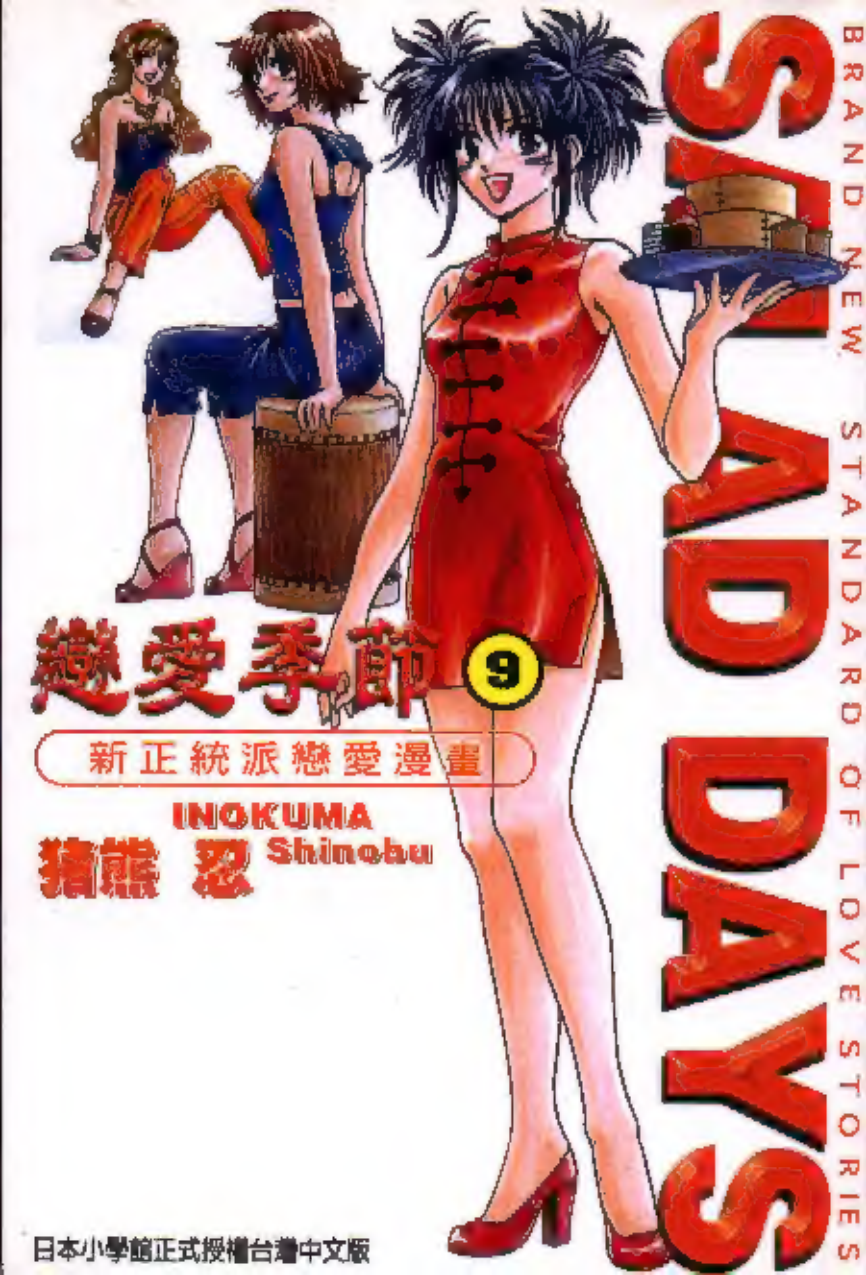
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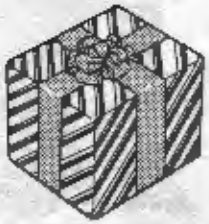
# Her Picture (1/2)



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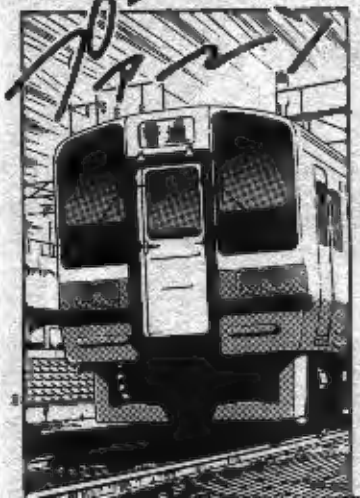
***sign - Ipanema Coffee Shop

**Pier town most famous for the grandly lit ferris-wheel at night.



*sign - regular stops train

I'll use the Rainbow Bridge* for the background---
!!
Miss, can I ask how old you are? You're cute, you know?
Do you mind if I snap a photo for you?

*a bridge that connects Odaiba to the rest of Tokyo

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...and he wanted me to be there with him to take the picture that he's going to enter...
Well, at the end of every year, Nozawa City holds a photography contest...

5

That picture dynamically captured the model's feelings. You sense she's saying, "I love you"... It was incredible...
To me, it was the most stunning one there
Even though that picture didn't win any actual awards...

7

Then why don't you break up with him?
Damn! He's the lowest! I hate him to death!
And it's not just once or twice...
We've been going out for half a year already!

He's shallow, a pervert and a big idiot

Hitomi -chan, what did you see in that guy anyway?
Huh?

8

Betraying me in front of my face!
I never imagined... that he'd be that kind of guy!

So I assumed the photographer'd be a perfect gentleman...
I thought... it was so great to have that feeling captured so naturally like that on film

That creep... Does he really like me?

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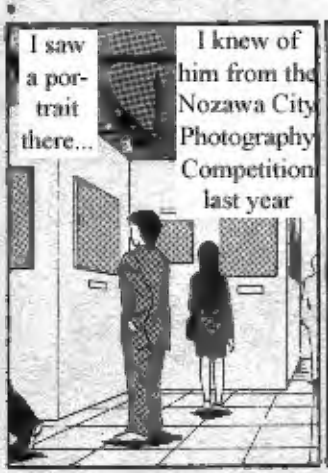

I saw a portrait there...
I knew of him from the Nozawa City Photography Competition last year

Oh, that's right... the picture

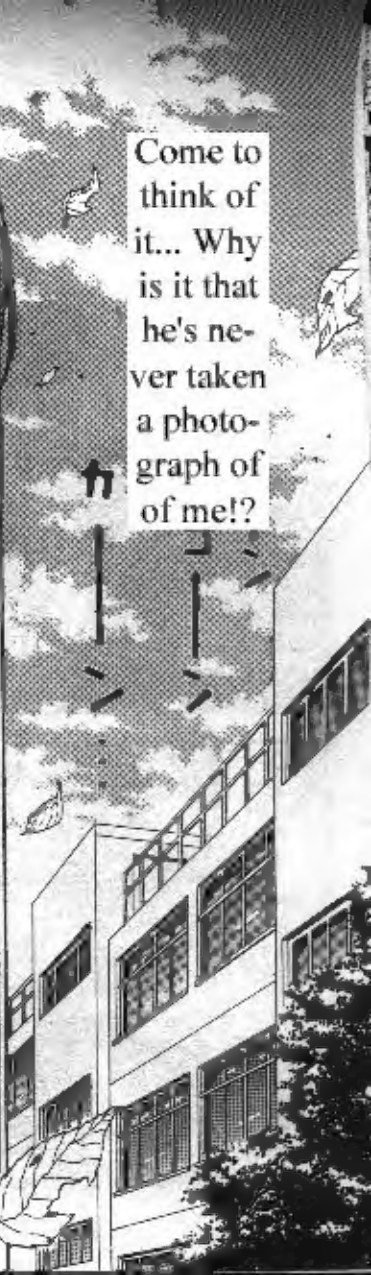
She's right, Just what *did* I see in him...?

10

.....
As a form of apology, I'll take you where ever you want this Sunday, how about it?

Aah, suman suman!
Oh, you mean about yesterday?
... Mou

Oha-you!
Hi, Hitomi!

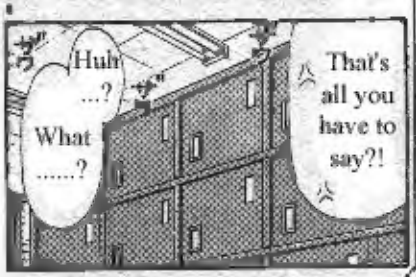

Come to think of it... Why is it that he's never taken a photograph of me!?

Mm?
Ne, Katou, you don't need to take me anywhere...

That's it...
Ah ...!

Well, where do you wanna go?
That? Umm ...
You're hopeless... Alright I forgive you

Boy, it's gotten cold all of a sudden, eh?
Katou ...


Huh ...?
What .....?
That's all you have to say?!

...instead, can you... do a photo shoot for me?
Huh ...?!

Sunday 2:00 PM
East Komatsuna Station---
東小松菜駅
Ah ...!
Oos~ Hito-mi!

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Mou, I'm nervous you know, I'm about to meet them...
Uh...? They're just normal people
Katou, what're your folks like?

It sure is quiet around here
This is the first time I got off at Komatsuna Station

I'm afraid I don't take pictures for my girl-friends...
I...

Nani? Why is that?
This isn't good... This request is a little...

Uh?
Didn't you always want to see my home?
How about you go to my place this Sunday instead?

Just let me slide on this one okay, Hitomi?
Whaddya mean?! You take pics of people you *'scout'*!

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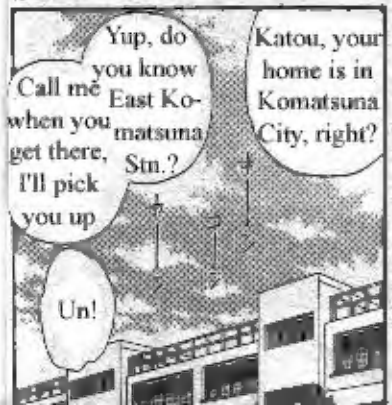
Call me when you get there, I'll pick you up
Yup, do you know East Komatsuna Stn.?
Katou, your home is in Komatsuna City, right?
Un!

Alright, that's settled then
Un! I wanna go! I'll go!

14

That person, she's...
Ah ...

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Hey, you're ... Katou ...?
What are you doing here?
Aiko ...?

Huh?

...I'll be all alone with Katou, doesn't it...?
T... this means ...

They're not even home today
Baka, you don't have to be concerned about that

Un... That's fine...
We don't have any drinks at home anymore
Ah, let's stop by the corner store first

12

Aah ...?

Eh?

Ne... Katou ...

Your ex-girl friend ...?
.....
She's you're old girl-friend, right?
I've seen that person before
Saa, let's go already, okay?
...just an ordinary friend
Are you crazy? She's no girlfriend ...
...avoiding the subject?
Why are you ...
15
En-nough is enough!
You don't need to be deferent to me, I really want to...
Besides, what's passed is past
I'm not avoiding anything at all

Your girl-friend?
Oh, I was just about to visit a friend's place
.....
Ah,,, Chotto matte! Katou!
Let's go, Hi-tomi!
14
Ka-tou ...
Matte, Katou ...!
Katou! Mou tara!
18

Please take my picture
take your picture
Only you, I'll never ever

I was so furious I couldn't weep
my mind was blank
Just like an unexposed piece of film

Please take my picture
I always assumed that he'd take my picture someday
I wished that he'd bring out the same beauty in me too
I knew of Katou because of one photograph
Ne Katou Take my picture
KATOU

# PART2
# Her Picture (2/2)

SALAD DAY

He doesn't think about our needs and just keeps snapping away
I'm sure you think as I did, wanting to say "I'm your girlfriend, not a model!"
Huh
Going on a date with him is like joining a photography contest
Listen to some advices and give up while it's early
I guess You guys haven't been going out that long
Huh
Actually He's never taken my picture yet
Oh
Oh, you can imagine how many shots he took of me
That guy You'll tell just how much he loves you when he starts snapping away photos
Ah
What a coincidence you're
what kind of girl kazuya's dating
Actual I'm really curious to know
It gets tiring, doesn't it? Being his girl friend
Oh
Oh, no thanks
Don't be shy. I was the one who invited you for coffee
Let's have some cake too
Here don't be shy! It's my treat

It's become quite clear hasn't it?

We always looked at each other straight on before
This is
Just you wait, what's in store!
In the winter I'll ask you for lunch
He came to watch
Her
Her
We
Her heart has at reach with me
Click
Click
It can capture the true feelings of a single moment forever
He
And
Wanted to take the picture of a girl
Wanted
He
real

Yeah
I'm really happy. I'm the only one you treat in this special way
Mutaku. You should have made it clear earlier
Very much
I love you too, Kaoru
And it's because I love you that I can't take your picture
So don't take any pictures of me
No! I won't take any pictures of you
Not in our life time
I'm incapable of taking your picture
Not in our life time
Naf

Huh
Married?
Have
a kid
But after we
married and
have a kid
he would not
take a picture
Hot
Then
that's
what'll
happen
I'm not
Didn't we say
would love
me for our
lifetime
Aren't
you
leaping
a bit
too far
How
did this
hap-
pen
It's then
You should
be scared to
take my pic-
ture any
more
So let's
divorce
ers best
Kaoru

# PART3
# PHOTO(1/2)

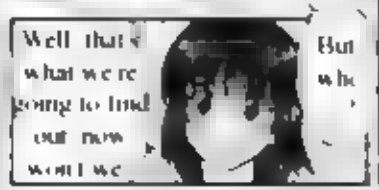
Diner
Oka
Teru
Ne
Teru
kun
Yeah
Ha
ha
Waka
mya
san
Oh right
Teru-kun's
the alumni
association
treasurer
I have to
settle the bill
here and ac
count for ac
tual expen
ditures
What a
killjoy
You never
join us for
these
I
still
need
to
You're
coming
right Te
ru-kun
Let's go
There's an
after-party
dude
Wel
ch

It's still a tad too soon to be to me
Then usually develop another person's photos
But
still
Well it couldn't be helped this is the best way for me to know who the owner is
But in case I find the
I want pics from a reunion party at least!
Well
but there's nothing here to indicate who it is
I'd like to return it to the rightful owner
Please come again
カメラ
Two days later
better just develop it and see the pictures
there's no need to halt the bill let's
he wants other pictures
he pic
ture of a pug
this
Kana's Pug Video keeps getting nails from it here

What do I think? Let's see
Well Matsui
What do you think
Don't you think it's creepy? Being photographed without your knowledge
No, I wasn't asking about that
I didn't know you were this photogenic, Ueno-kun
I know what you meant
I didn't mean it like that
But
Hey, that's way out of line
That's not different from a paparazzo
There's someone who wanted a picture of me
It's my picture all of a sudden
Isn't this me? At that reunion party
Huh?
It's all pictures of me
What's going on here?

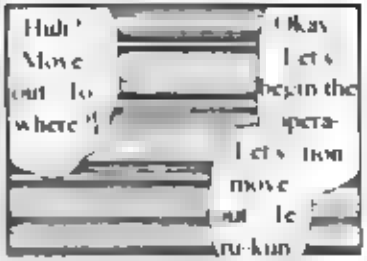
Natsui what do you think Oh fine I guess it's better like this
Teru-kun you can be the detective I'll be the assistant
Hey What do you say the two of us investigate this thing together

Me
Like


Well that's what we're going to find out now won't we
But wh

You can't refer to her in that manner
That girl must really like you to have done this right
Uh

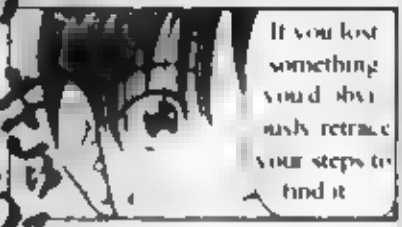
You've heard of this before right
RESTAURANT
Diner
The culprit always returns to the scene of the crime


Huh? Move out to where?
Okay Let's begin the operation Let's now move out Teru-kun

Is secretly taking pictures of your crush normal behavior
But still Why would someone do such a thing

Someone likes me
Like

Am I right
I guess that makes sense


If you lost something you'd obviously retrace your steps to find it

Culprit huh
As long as we stay here we'll encounter the owner of the camera eventually

Yeah You're right
Right

Ah
But having that kind of longing You can relate to that can't you?

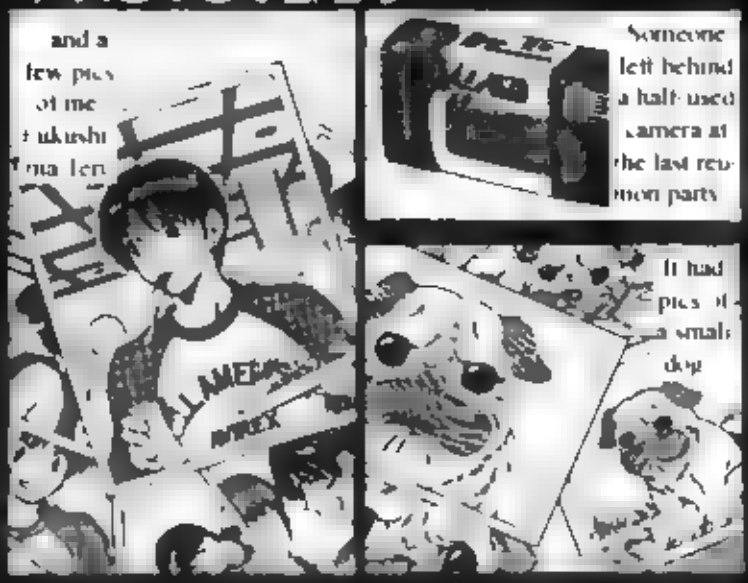
Hmm
I was right
That dog
could very
well be that
cat's pet
right
aren't
I took there
were also
pictures of a
dog in there
That could be
cake
The
dog
Hush
Yeah
Yeah
Yeah
Listening
Yeah
Yeah
Yeah

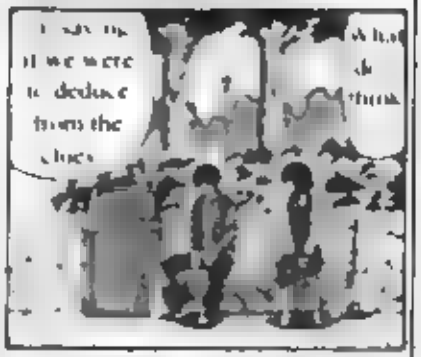
Waka-miya Wakako
End of list
Huh
Alright just the girls then
Jeez I wished to look these up too
Oh ouh uh huh
Sumi-yama Ka-yaga-wa-ko
Ka-yama Mi-yako
Waka-miya san
Wa Waka-miya-san has a pet dog, too
!!?
Sugin Yaz Park
Now that's impossible
The odds of her liking me is less than a thousand to one
Okay I'll begin with my report
Sumida
Huh
Kata-yama Ka-tsu-ki Kazu-ma
I'll just read them in alphabetical order
Wait Why are there girls' names?!
Don't make it a possibility
It's not an impossibility
Just list the girls It'd be really freaky if a guy took it
Well I took into consideration my classmates from ...

Wao!
Wao!
ばっ
Wah-
dah!
slip-
ped
Wa
Waka-
miya
san
!?

PART4

# PHOTO ( 2/2 )


and a few pics of me
Someone left behind a half-used camera at the last reunion party
It had pics of a small dog
Who took them...? And to what end?
I'm right aren't I?
Hmm... You're right that dog could very well be that girl's pet
Huh?
That girl must really like you to have done this, right?



Matsun, what do you think?

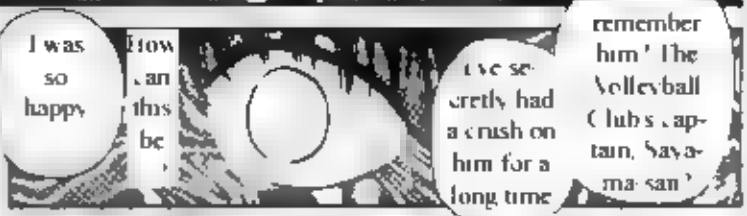
Yaezu Public Park

八頭公園

# PART4
# PHOTO(2/2)

Nandemonai
Ganbatte I'll cheer on for you
Haa
Strange why am I acting al flustered
Yep Well I'm off
Call me if there's anything else
I just love to meddle after all
It's nothing
I'm really grateful thank you
Doushitanda
Hmm
Teru
-kun
...!

What*
That day he confessed to me
Right in front of everyone

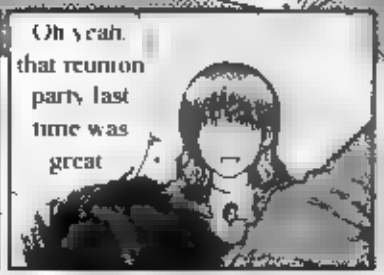

I was so happy
How can this be
I've secretly had a crush on him for a long time
Do you remember him? The Volleyball Club's captain, Sayama-san?

Ah
Coming

Anou Wakamiya-san
Yes! I'm gonna say it
There is no better time!

I'll cheer on for you
Ganbatte

Especially the after-party. We all had fun there
Yeah, it sure was
I missed my moment


Oh yeah, that reunion party last time was great

Teru-kun!
Eh?

Although, for me, it was an experience I'll never forget

Oh my, you didn't? Please excuse me
I didn't go to the after-party

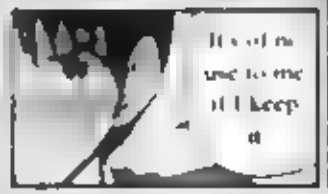
Huh
!?
It's a pup
It's
Why is it here?
I never thought that Wakamiya san would have a pup too. Real
Is I didn't
Huh
Wait
I'm com-
pletely lost
Ieru-kun
!
were
Those dog pictures
Huh
the camera's owner is
...

You'd known it from the start
I'm sure
You knew
at the at-
ter party
Then I fear
innocence
You knew a-
bout Waka-
miya san's
Huh
Ie
ru-
kun
Ma
tsui
pyours
Is it really
that much fun
to watch me
make a fool
of myself?
that you
deceive me
on purpose
so you can
laugh be-
hind my
back
Where
was I
wrong?
Tell me
That's
what
it
What
does
mean
that's
not it

But I couldn't admit it was me
I owe ou an apology
So all I could do was cover it up
I wah Thus. I
I didn't think I'd leave the camera behind And to have it developed
And
After knowing that you liked Wakamiya -san. I was even more at a loss for words.
I really didn't mean to deceive you
Thus finding is shocking and strange isn't it
he truth is. your assistant was the culprit
That is why
Playing detective'
It was a lot of fun tho

I've always. liked you a lot.
That's why I asked you to do all those things with me
I just wanted to get a few more chances to be with you
I just needed an excuse to see you again That's why I set up the reunion party

Huh
I know
check the
with a
hear


It's not
use to me
if I keep
it

!?
Here
take
it
ばっ

I mean
put it
in the
dog

right
Uh
I brought
cd since
suits
play
next

should-
n't have
done
this
I'm
so
sorry
I

Uh

Oh
yeah

I've
yet
about
it

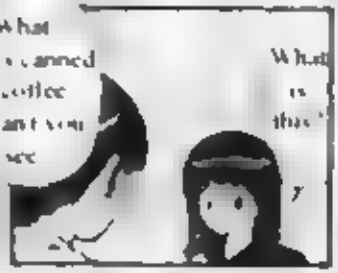
I'm
sor-
ry
I'm
sor-
ry

# PART5
# Chirstmas Reaper (1/2)

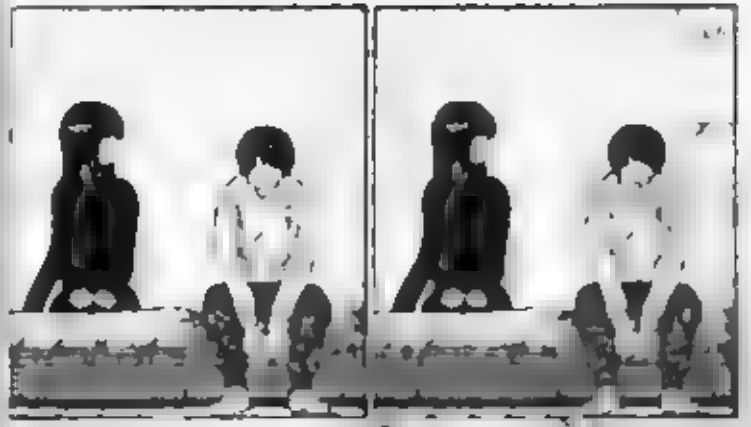
SALAD Story
22 years old, winter ...
Naho Kouchi ...

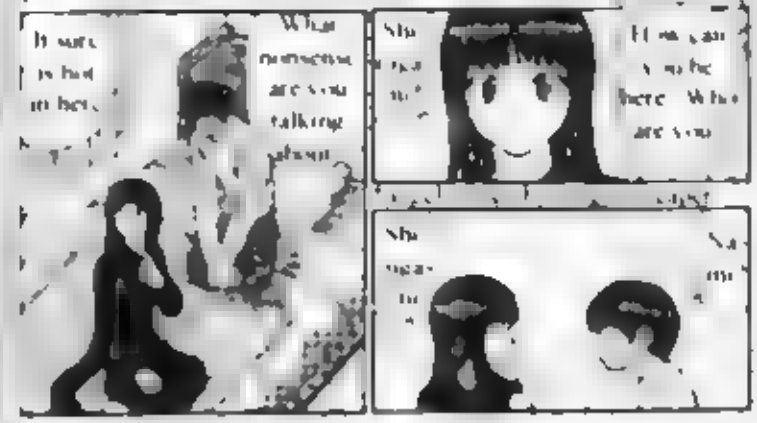
Reaching the finals was the happiest thing that happened to me then than I wish

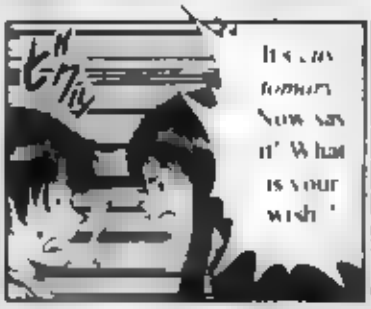
Alright I get it already

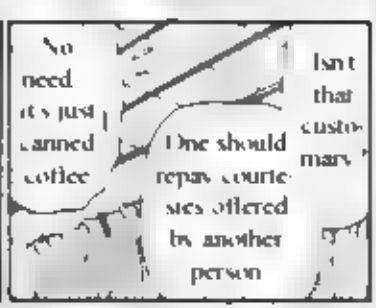


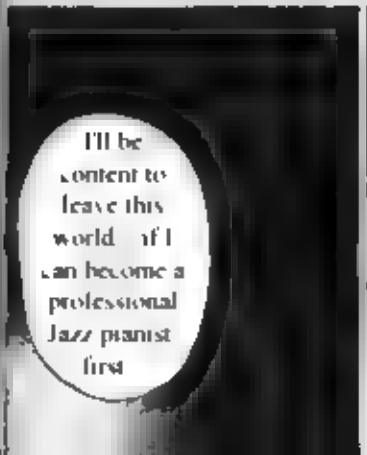
*words on back: Why can't she wear anything underneath

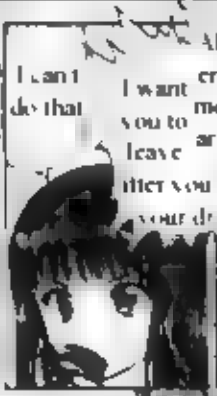






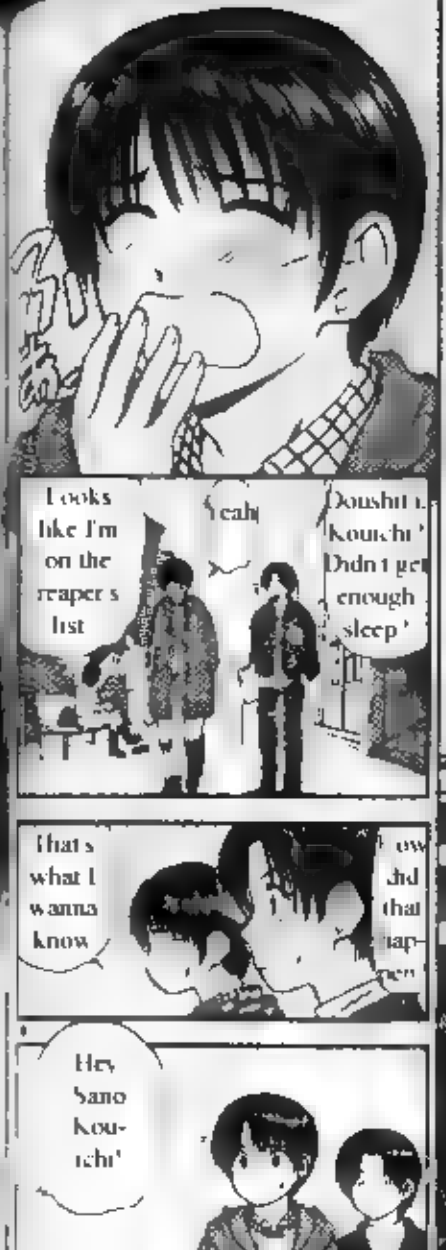





On December 24 you will have a sudden accident that will make you leave this existence

away from this world

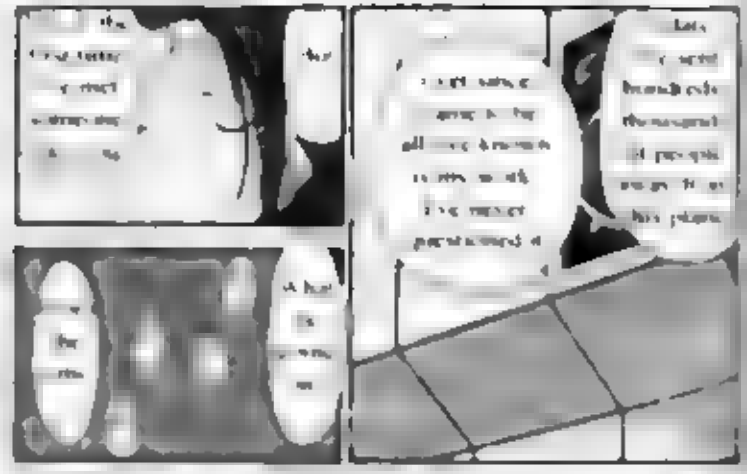

Looks like I'm on the reaper's list
Yeah
Doushite Kouichi? Didn't get enough sleep?
That's what I wanna know
How did that happen
Hey Sano Kouichi!

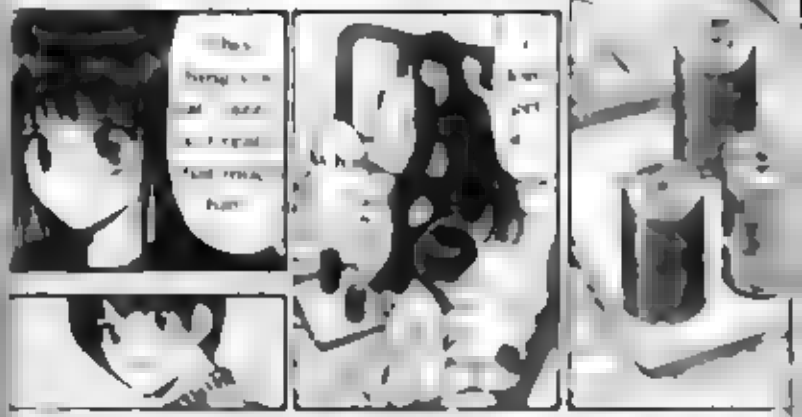
*sign - Shakuji University

I get all this for a can of coffee
No way I feel like a pro all of a sudden now
Until December 24 this place is yours. Do as you please with it
impossible
Are you the daughter of a manager?
already told you I'm a shut-in pianist
Xmas Eve
JAZZコンテスト
12月24日
the Christmas Eve Jazz Contest?
Isn't this
And I'll just leave this entry form here
Huh?
Win the competition? Right now I don't
and you don't
You're set if you win the competition
This is the legendary opening for aspiring pianists

!?
There's a piano and recording instruments
And I've prepared a bed so you can practice continuously
I rented this out for you
I this is

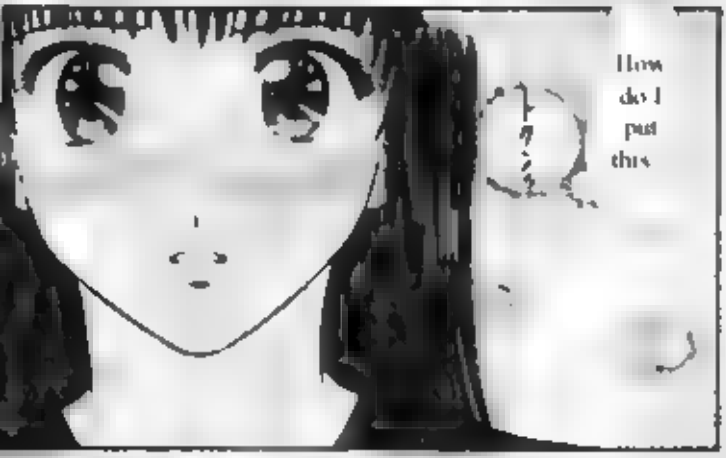
I'll give it a shot!
I'll give it a shot!
I'll give it a shot!

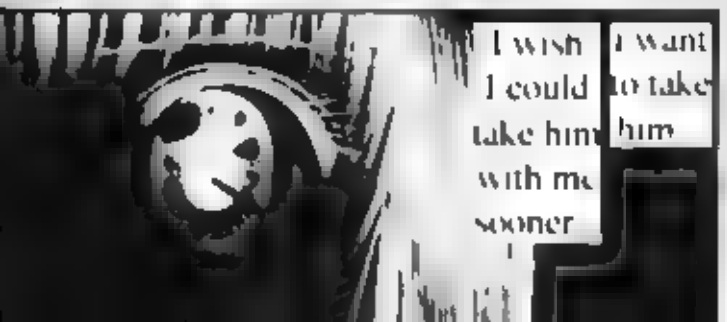




My heart has been beating so fast...

Do you think something's wrong with me?
No
You're


How do I put this


I wish I could take him with me sooner
I want to take him

PART 6

# Chirstmas Reaper (2/2)

Why d
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What
he trying
to do
IN
VE
December
24 1999
Christmas
Eve Jazz
Contest
venue
The day
I was
fated t
die
Today
is De
cember
24---
Sano
Kou-
ichi
age 22
Enter
contestant
no. 2
that
I can
stand
here
righ
y
Th
thank
to her

She was just this strange girl who liked to refer to herself as shinigami"
Of course I'm shinigami after all
You're incredible you've consumed so much coffee without any side-effects
December 23 1999 –
That's right
X'mas Eve
JAZZコンテスト
12月24日
It's tomorrow already
The Jazz contest
Completely empty
Kou-ichi
You better do your best
I like your music very much
Who knows? It's hard to tell these things
Hey Kou-ichi you think you have a shot at the top
Un
The rest of it's mine
Yeah but you can only have one
Sonna This big bag was full of canned coffee only?
Hey thanks a lot
I've brought some stuff with me to see you

That's right
You're absolutely right
Ah
If I die I won't be able to play the piano anymore!
OK
Excuse me I'm going out to refresh myself a bit

What?
You'll be content to die tomorrow?
This way
Please Can you stop talking about this It's disturbing
I wish to take you with me as soon as possible
I only said that to humor you
Didn't you say before that you'll be content to die if you became a Jazz pianist?
But
Huh?
I really have no intention of dying yet

I mu
December 24 Morning
Yu takai Where the heck did she run off to
She never knew to come back after leaving
Ah
I mu
What do you mean He's I was really worried
Hi
Kou ichi
Thinking back maybe I should've caught on to something then
It did then
that would've never happened
Incredible His passion is just incredible
I agree
Hey that coffee you just had at all

huh
Don't just stand there!!! MOVE!
Keep echo
What
Give it up
What kinda crazy talk is that? The contest is stay
What
You shouldn't leave the room today
This will impact on your very existence
There are limits to how much you can toss with me
Every day you stress that I will die today What's with the change of heart
What are you trying to say
Besides you will have all the time in the future
Cursor Don't bother me
WAIT
DON'T CROSS
Ah
Move aside

Oh!!

What do you think of me?
I wanted to see you fulfill your dream
But I also very much wanted to take you with me
I just figured it out I was miserable all of last night because of it
I wish the very moment I saw you
to this very instant
I always loved you
I wish I could toast a coffee to that
That makes me so happy
Please talk to me
Don't worry shimizu-san don't die
Those who break this rule must be eliminated
To help out a person fated to die is taboo for us. It's the one rule we can't violate
I "love" you
You're talking all this nonsense again
100

ALTA vision
1st Album
K.Sano
Huh? His new album's coming out today?
Hey! It's Sano Kouchi
I'm not all that into Jazz but I really like Sano Kouchi
Un
He's pretty good
Hey
Kouchi kun!
Hey --
How should I put it? His rhythm is just awesome
I specifically asked people to leave this day open.
Is it really okay today? You have to prepare for the concert, right?
but I didn't even know your name.
I really wanted to call out to you .
The following year. December 24---

PART 7

# Tests (1/2)

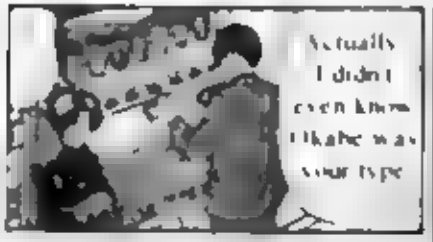
Minami Shouhei, age 15...
HS examinee!
Well at least to me anyway
this was a big deal you know
Minami Shouhei
Class B
Shun ita
What does it mean by that
Shun ita
What
Yuto
Who
me
education aka cram school
118

Yo Okabe -san
!
Look at the class distribution list yet?
Oh yeah just did I'm in A class
Oh me too Yokatta we're in the same class
Shou-hei
Inui kun?
Yeah
Well lets get to class
Shou-hei you better do your best as well
W What of it
Hehe that's what's going on
!
Sorry bout that
What a shame I wanted us to continue being class-mates too
Huh? No Uh
Shouhei I look forward to you helping me out too
I'm in B class you see
How did this
Eh? Sou ka na?

We're
even
stuck in
the same
exam
school
We're
together
day and
night and
I just took
her pre
sence for
granted
Is it
be other
and
sister
right
No
Actually
it's more
like an

But
If a
person
doesn't
breathe
air he'll
die




Actually
I didn't
even know
Okabe was
your type

I
don't
know
Since
when was
it?

I
really
don't
know
I'm
not
being
coy
here
Or I'm
sure being
dodgy what
is there to be
secretive of

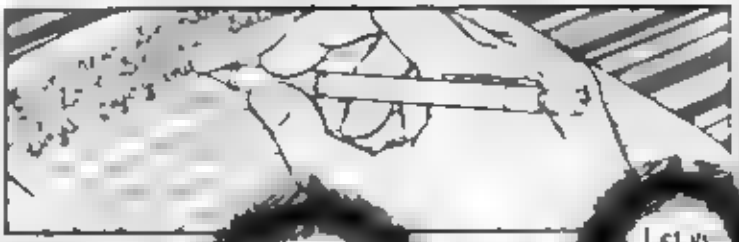
Realization
surprised
even me
What

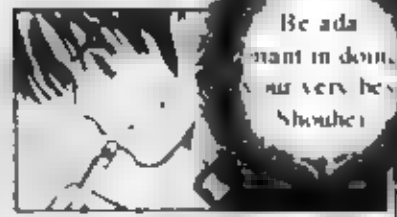
We're
class
mates in
school
Okabe
and I are
homeroo
mates I
guess

I'd
probably
have to
say it was
today
If I had
to pick
a day

No way you actually don't know!
How do I do that!
FEE
Huh!
Shouldn't you have to promote yourself to A class
With the class change exam
Sounds like selection for the soccer roster
The 5 lowest ranked from A class switches with the 5 highest ranked from B class
At the class change exam held every week
Say what!
But I've never achieved anything like that
What you have to do Work your ass and do well on the test
What!
Then ... What do I have to do?

So love can turn a person into a poet too!
The pain's so intense it's hard to breathe
Ever since I saw the the class distribution list my world's been a dark void
Huh!
You still have to ask!
Hey Inui what do you think I should do!
If that's the case then you should be clear on what you need to do
I have to get my air back!

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Let go
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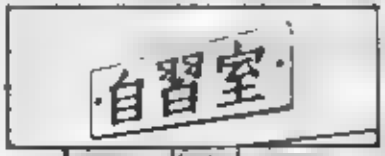
old habits
just for a
week


自習室

Sou
da ne
He's
sure been
working
hard
lately

Ah
is that
Shou-
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And that's
because be
fore now
he's always
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This is
the first
time I've
seen Shou
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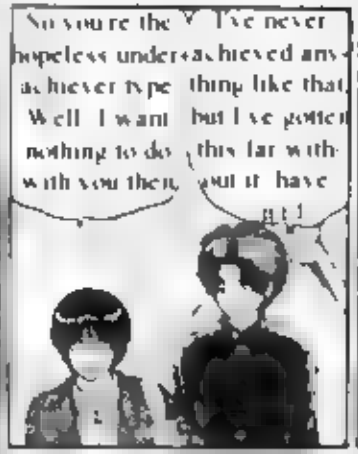
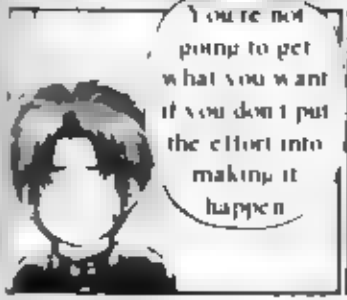
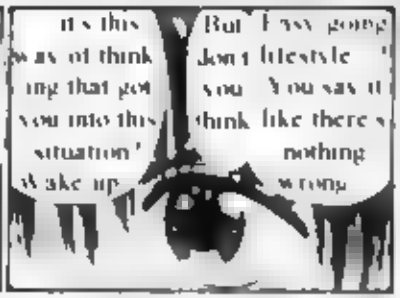
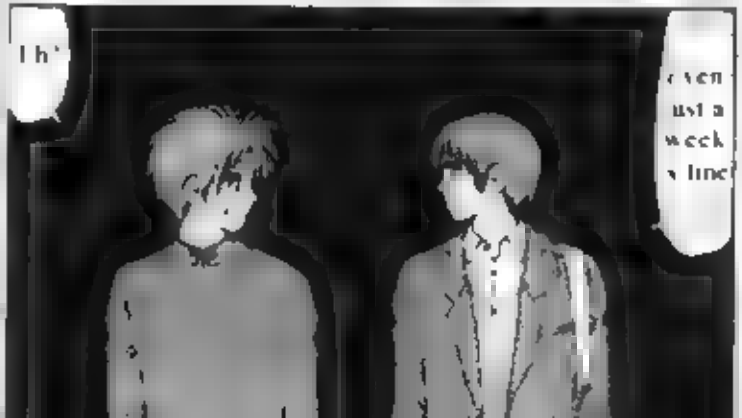
so hard


So you're the
hopeless under-
achiever type
Well I want
nothing to do
with you then
I've never
achieved any-
thing like that
but I've gotten
this far with-
out it have
Are
you a
com-
plete
moron
I've always
led an easy-
going lifestyle
I never did
anything I
didn't like


You're not
going to get
what you want
if you don't put
the effort into
making it
happen


It's this
way of think-
ing that got
you into this
situation!
Wake up!
But I
don't
think
I say going
lifestyle!
You say it
like there's
nothing
wrong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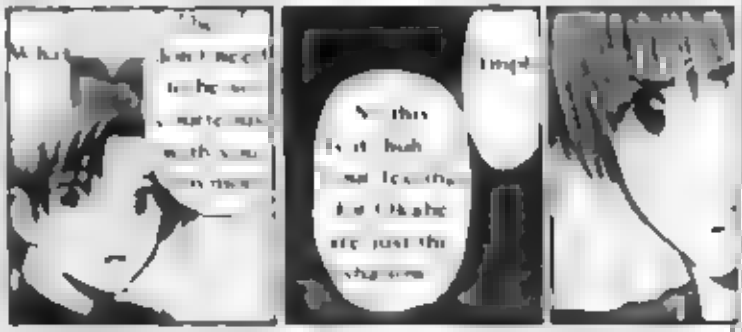
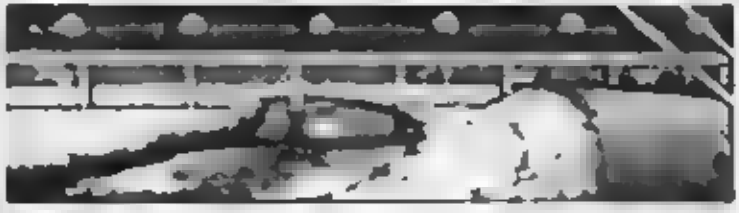
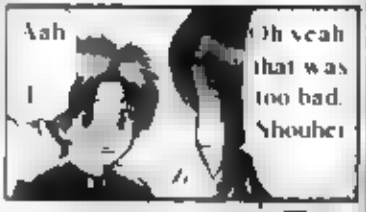
Exam for Class change

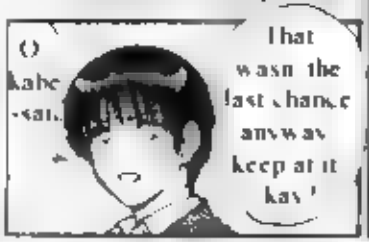




I like you
Huh?
h'
I'm no Not really I haven't decided on that yet
No way! But why?
Okabe san
I've always liked you a lot

We were just
You're going to catch a cold like this


Aah I
Oh yeah that was too bad. Shouhei


O kabe -san.
That wasn't the last chance anyway keep at it kay!

What are you two doing over there!
Shou- hei Inui -kun

Really
This guy's planning to quit Kobiko

Huh!
Cheering him on is a waste of your time

PART.8
Tests (2-2)

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Tests (2/2)

I wonder what happened to those two after that time
But
Hey Okabe
Show her
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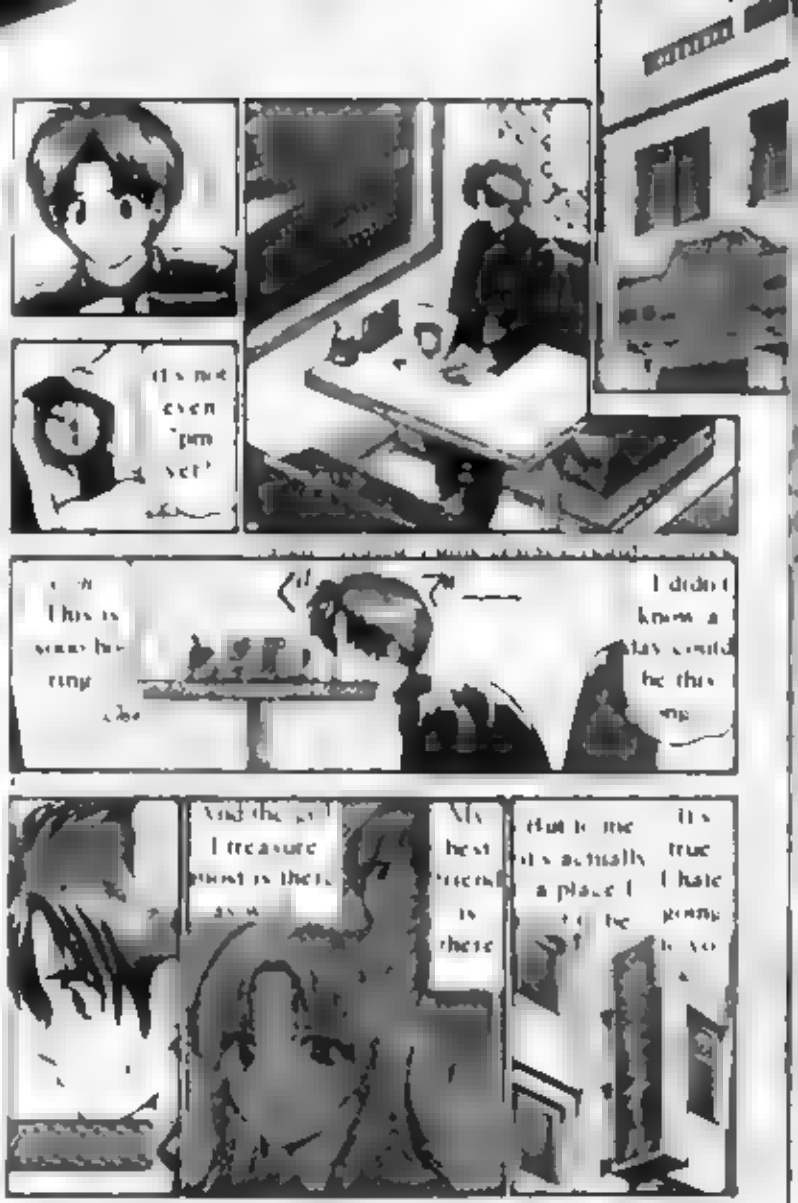
It's not even 'gen' yet
This is some big ring
I didn't know a class could be this big
And the girl I treasure most is there
My best friend is there
But to me it's actually a place I
It's true I hate going to

It's nothing to fret over
What's wrong with it's going out with him
That guy's a good person. As his best friend I can vouch for that
Oh!
Is this all right?
Actually I hoped you'd stop me and say "Don't date him"
What do you mean?

Ah
What is it? You wanted to talk
Ah
You were right
What do you think I should do
Actually I haven't answered
So about what
What's the best thing for me to do
Tell me
Ah

I could have shown her
I want some strange things
Thank you because I exist for me
Please ignore me if you don't understand
has sent a song which he loaded by oneself
I will never forgive me
So I've been dead
You've been dear to me since a long time ago Show her
I've always liked you a lot

It would
n't have
turned
out this
way
If you
hadn't
confessed
to her
!?
It's
all
your
fault
You
IT'S ALL
YOUR
FAULT
HAVE
YOU
GONE
INSANE
!!
But
You're
right that
was unfair
of me. But
while you
were down
You
thought that
alone would
make her like
me? How are
you wrong

Show
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!?
Have
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you in
days
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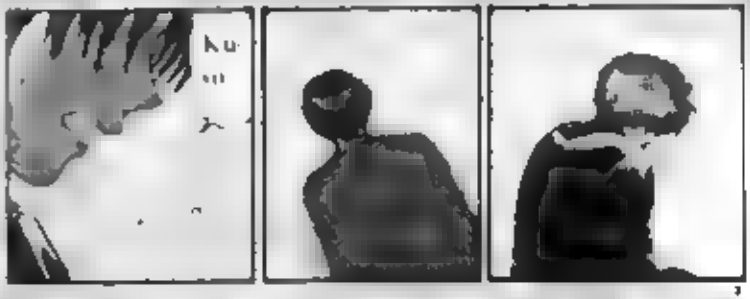
When are you gonna stop be ng so naive
It needs effort if you want to see results


Ku-
un

Wait right there! Inu!

You who unwittingly only knew how to hurt act like you're the victim
You say that you live a carefree life that you'll take whatever life will throw at you eventually

Whether it be in studies or love
You don't progress you don't exert any effort yet you wish to receive You can't even compare to a

You did nothing naturally you got nothing

I'll work hard

乾打倒!!
I'll work hard
I'll work hard

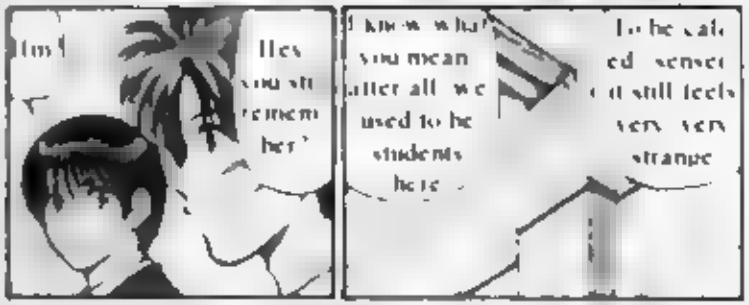
And then
Just you wait and see

I'll prove it to you I'll find me my future

And then

I'll take Okabe back from you!!

Damn it feels really odd
Well How's it feel to be a teach er?
Yo Inui
Shou hei


Inui
He's you st remem ber?
I know what you mean after all we used to be students here
To be call ed sensei it still feels very very strange

Inui you really taught me a tough lesson
Haha was it that harsh now?
About the night we had here five years ago?
Yeah

April 20xx
Oh
That's all for today
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nami
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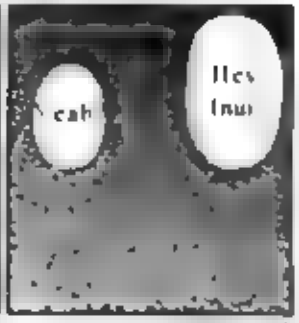
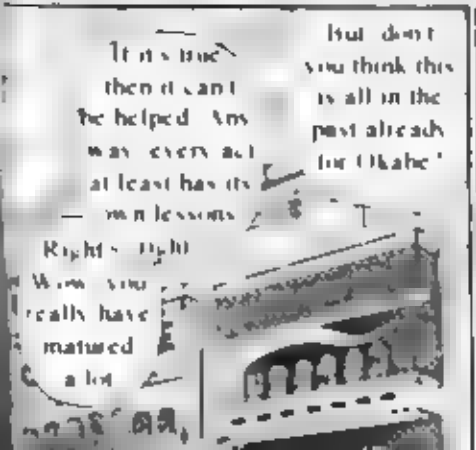




It's true then it can't be helped Ann was always at least has its own lessons
But don't you think this is all in the past already for Okabe
Right Right Wow you really have matured a lot

"I think W stands for Waseda probably just wasn't mentioned in whole because it might've been a conflict of interest

Even in the play

I wish that we could start over at this same place

I may have to see him for a while. It's been good

I was thinking

Right after Shino her

PART9

# Caterpillar Girl (1/2)

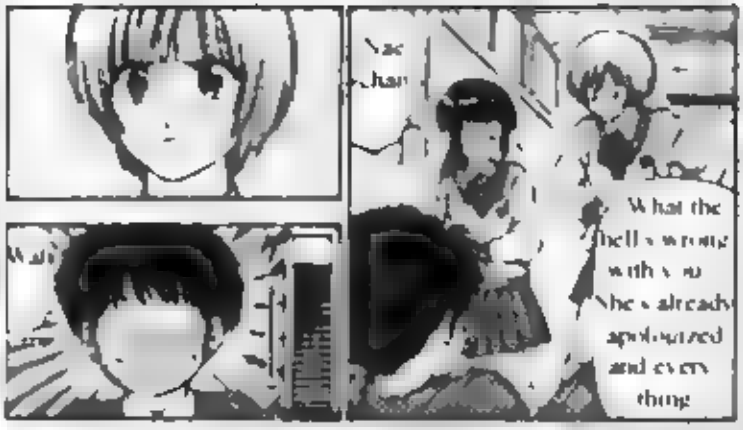
I was late for school because of him
Like last Valentine's just as the was to school there were so many girls lying in wait for me About ers 5 meters or s
That day is really the worst
Actually Valentine's Day is the worst day of all
It's quite an awesome reality
Then as the was home I published few more times
ever his desk was for the st
I didn't end at school either Not only was my shoe locker crammed w
Hard- working, aren't you
Just like that
I think on February 14 Valentine's Day I ought to take the day off

I was mobbed by so many girls in Shibuya
sigh It was a riot this morning
sigh It's tough to be a popular guy
And this is the third day straight

*relates to level of excitement
And he treats girls well
Forget about it. Are you alright
Nu mu mu ses
Nu mu mu ses
Ah
aah
Is that
Damn you. That really hurt
Hull shutting as always
Last Valentine's was a trip for Natalie
What do you think
Height and looks wise he's nothing great
Nothing special with brains n athletics. He's not even the slightest bit charismatic
He was like a mum to me would believe he's popular
Ah
aah
that he doesn't really have a bad nature
And that tendency to hurt others exactly

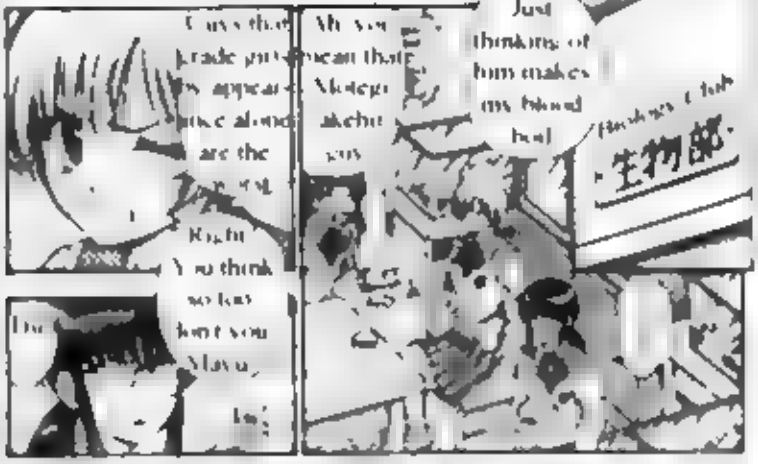
Ah
Ta
take
chan
Ahh!
Abu-
nai
HUH
!!
Su-
sou
mono
ga kill
me
Kuru
Get
away
!
Su-
sou
mimasen
daresuke
kana
Help
me
caterpil
lars
Insect
repellers
Save me

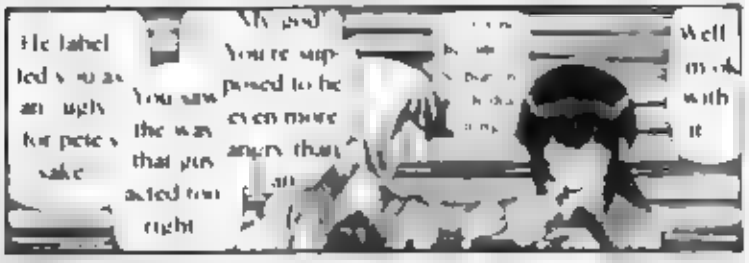
What You don't know
Why is the girl famous in school or something?
Oh so you're childhood friends
We were neighbors as kids that's why I know her
She's in the Biology Club specializes in caterpillars a real wacko
She's class 1-2's comic Mayu better known as Caterpillar Girl
Huh Really? It doesn't show though
Caterpillar?
It's a real pain actual
Huh
seems to be in love with me
That girl


Nae chan
What the hell's wrong with you She's already apologized and everything
Wait

What are you upside gazing to me for
Ah-hah I'm very sorry I shouldn't have lost my temper like that My bad

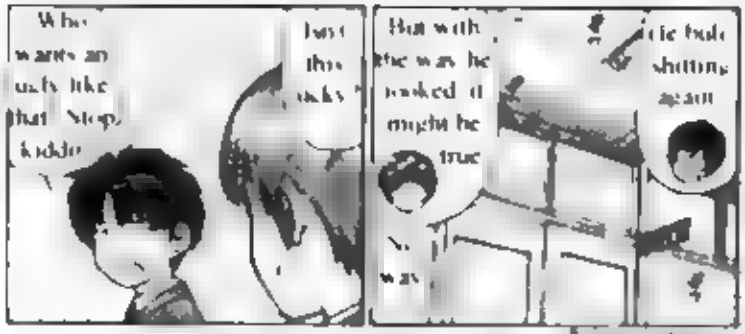
You know that girl called Iguma Mayu?
Umph
Oh my name is Motegi Takehiro nice meet you



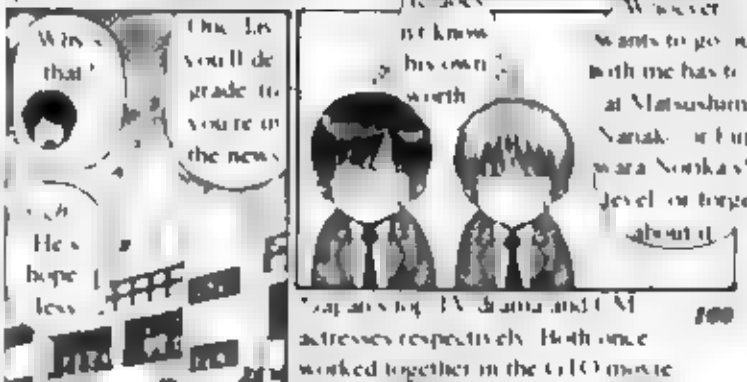



That's right
We definitely have to find a way to fix him up
Sosuke did look so harsh when he was his good points too
It can't be helped, can't I mean, it's the truth after all





That'll just pull down the standard of quality of us other girlfriends
Hanging around a gross caterpillar for no reason, it's so shameful. How can I take her out with me?


Who's that?
Our Ms. would do grade to, you're on the news
He's hope less
It does not know his own worth
Whoever wants to go out with me has to be at Matsushima Naruk or Tsuji wara Sonka** level or forget about it

*Japanese TV drama and CM actresses respectively. Both once worked together in the G.I.O movie

WAAAH
Hey
Eh
Valentine's
Wait
Valentine's
This is
here
This
is a love
letter
Valen
tine's
day
Eh
Isn't
it

.. and wait for me at our meeting place?
..wear a black tuxedo, hold a red rose in your mouth
野沢馬
NOZAWA S
At 5 P.M. I'll be waiting for you in front of the big clock at Nozawa Station.
Can you please meet with me after school today?
and white plaid form skirt
I'll be wearing a white hooded coat
So can you please

What kind of a letter is this
Wuh ha ha ha ha!
Huh?
She expects to be met without
It was a real love letter she'd have given her name
What does it mean a joke
And he says Valen times out
Hahahaha
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I didn't think he'd actually wear a tuxedo
That guy really is a moron
Hahaha That's a great idea
Who are you dressed
What are you doing here
Yes

white hooded coat and
white platform shoes!
She's coming this way
キュイーン
HAH ...?!

# PART10
# Caterpillar Girl (2/2)

Let's make him just wait on like that
God I nearly laughed myself to death

That guy more or less should know his lesson by now
I don't think it's enough

This is it
What does he want to do then
Looks like that won't be fixed unless you're through in your lesson
Just watch me
Hee hee hee

I did wait a long time
Damn it

Sorry it took me so long

Huh What the
Sorry I'm late
Now forget it forget it

Who's that guy wearing that tuxedo talking to
Looks like a retard

Haha it'll be all over for this week
That's right that's right
Let's let's drop this and spread it all over school
What a mean huh
I said bread n funny even now
Stop it now... the both of you!
Hey You guys
Ooh but I think it's
I can mass message all my friends with this
After what we use this
Ah that picture we took awhile
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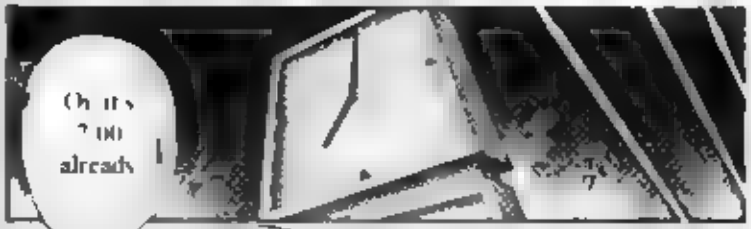
Help me! A caterpillar---!
Take chan you're a big meanie
Hi Mayo chan I'm here to visit you
She was one who bothered to care for me was Take chan
Ah Take chan ingatan
Though it looks ugly now one day I will become a beautiful butterfly
This right here is the Phoenix Butterfly's larva
Don't you love butterflies
I do
What's this you just Mayo chan
Of course earned an schools today
Eh Hontou desu ka
What a cool a very creative name
Great it's settled! Since it's caterpillar let's call it Mayo chan
I understand
But I'm to be come a beautiful butterfly
What do you say Let's raise it togethe

Is me there's no better person in the world
and very dependable, actually
He's really a tender
You can't be
Mayo chan You
So I was absent from school a lot didn't have friends
Is health was frail ack when was six young
If you treat him like this don't you still think it's too much
No matter how cruel he may be

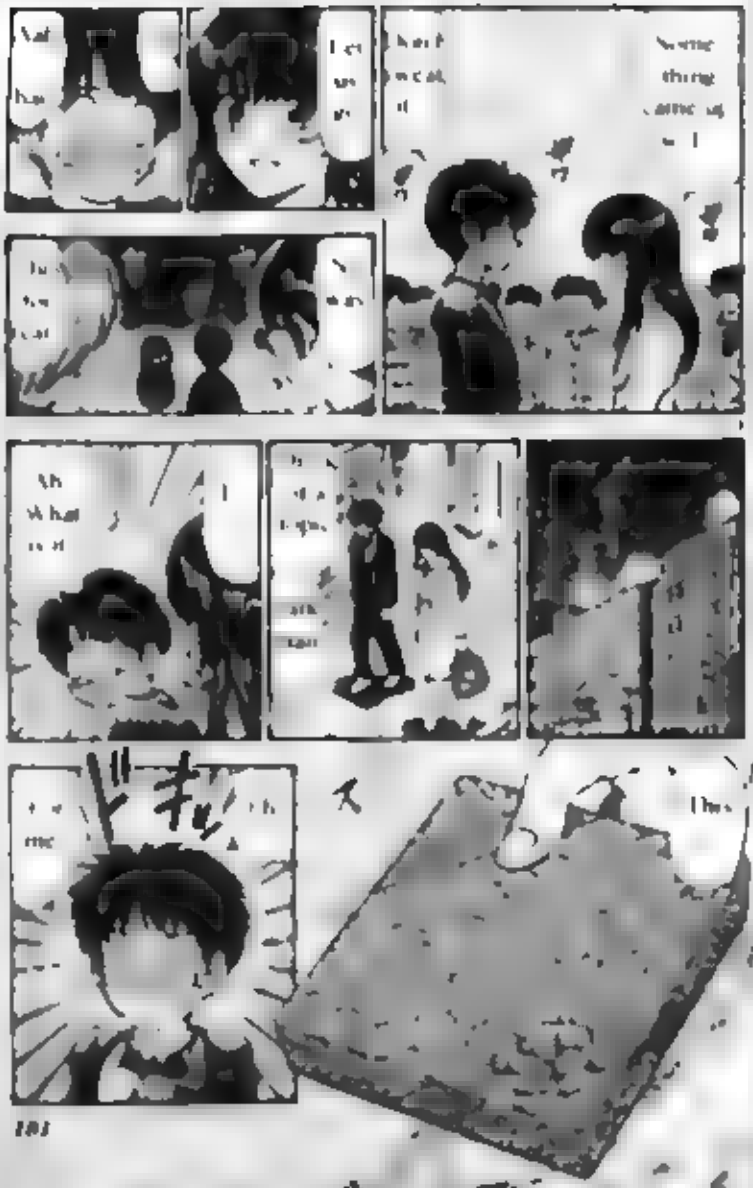


Ino-chan
The larva died before it matured
But we were young didn't really know how to take care of a caterpillar
because caught you that's why you're

*sign - Ino-chan's grave

It doesn't suit him at all
But I have got to admire even a moron that went to this length
Maybe he's lonely even though it's Valentine's Day today
I can't take it My sides hurt
What a moron shame
He's really so grandly dressed
I wonder how he found those clothes
Roses had a rose in the mouth too
I think this suits you
Don't be depressed alright Take
Mo-tegi-kun
Chiku-sho..! Chiku-sho!

Chi-kusho
It's real There really is a moron out here
This is
Because someone text mes saged this to us
What
What the heck is this


I'm sorry
I came in late

Hub
Is this really true
Since when did she become so pretty
I'm sorry Jake-chan This letter was actually a practical joke
You're Mayu-chan
What
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Since when did she become so pretty
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I'm sorry Jake-chan This letter was actually a practical joke
You're Mayu-chan
What
Hub
And then there's this
Oh Thank you I'm really going to enjoy this
And then this
Wah
Hub
Me this
And this
And this
Every year I wanted to give
But every year I couldn't give it to you
Want a see what's going on here?

If I'm beautiful now, it's all thanks to you
Huh ...?
You're wrong ...
Don't you think so?
It was because of you that I have wings now
It was for Take-chan that I grew wings

You rescued me after all
You don't need to apologize
I'm real sorry about that
So those two...!
So that's what was going on!
Damn it all!

But I never imagined ...
Oh, no need to thank me...
I'm very grateful for that

This wasn't courtesy
You really are beautiful
If it was just courtesy, I'm still happy

A bullshitter like me, really doesn't deserve you...

I was really surprised
!
...that caterpillar girls can also become butterflies one day, too

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What ?!?
You wanted to kill me, is that it?!
It's better if you don't eat these ...
Most of these things are probably expired...
Su... sumi-masen! I...

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Please look forward to the next issue

## PROFILE

**INOKUMA Shinobu**

Reality shows that deal with romance seem to be really popular lately, most of the content has been interesting, so I consider myself a fan of it.
It was when I discovered that I was, that I became unsatisfied with myself. It's precisely because reality shows are not acted out, but it being 'reality', that they appealed to me.
So I hope one day I can write love stories that feel even more real and dynamic than they are now.
"SALAD DAYS" has been running continuously for 4 years now, but I still have much to learn. I will continue to improve from this day onward.

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MY FAVORITE GIRLS

## SALAD DAYS

I have a deep impression of that bright, active star of the American hit show, "Friends", Jennifer Aniston.
She's a very passionate woman,
I can see this especially in the way she acts out a romantic relationship.
This makes me feel like she has strength.
Enough to the point that it made mega-star Brad Pitt fall in love at first sight.
The two are currently in a hot romance, not to mention frantically busy preparing for their wedding.
Lately I've been tempted to feature her in SALAD DAYS, too...